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MR. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with this question? The hon. Member may give notice of a fresh question."

Grant to the Vadavanoor Maternity Centre in Palghat taluk.

* 1195 *Q.*—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government are giving any grant to the Vadavanoor Maternity Centre run by the Vadavanoor Mahila Samajam in Palghat taluk, South Malabar; and, if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

SRI O. KORAN :—" മഹിളാ സമാജം നടത്തുന്ന വടവന്നൂർ മെറേർണിററി സെൻറർ വളരെ അധികം ആളുകൾക്ക് ഉപയോഗപ്രദമാകകൊണ്ടു് അതിനു ഗ്രാൻറു് കൊടുക്കുന്ന കാര്യം ഗവമ്മെൻറു് ആലോചിക്കുമോ ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is reported that the Mahila Samajam is not running any maternity centre. That being so, how can any Government grant be given? "

Enforcement of the Weights and Measures Act in respect of rice.

* 1196 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government issued any orders under which the dealers of rice ration shops were forced by the Rationing Officers to purchase scales and weights at a cost of Rs. 80 per set in the year 1951 to enforce the operation of the Weights and Measures Act in this State;

(*b*) which dealer in the Madras City took the monopoly of supplying scales and weights; and

(*c*) whether the Act was enforced afterwards in respect of rice?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Government decided that the new scheme of issue of rations by weight in Madras City instead of by measure should be put into effect from 31st December 1950. In accordance with that decision, instructions were issued to the City Rationing Officer, Madras, to serve notices upon retail dealers that they would be replaced, if they did not provide themselves with scales and weights by 25th November 1950. The City Rationing Officer, Madras, and the Assistant Rationing Officers carried out these orders and issued instructions to the retail dealers for providing themselves with the necessary scales and weights.

" (*b*) No dealer in Madras City was given the monopoly for the supply of scales and weights. The ration shop dealers were instructed to provide themselves with scales and weights by making local purchases.